

Wood Lake Department.

A. G. Ward was in our city Friday.

Bernie Tinkham was in our city Tuesday.

Jesse Roan was a visitor in town recently.

The firm of Wilson & Day is still prospering.

Joe Wiesner has recently installed a cash register.

Business is booming with the business men of the town.

W. G. Ballard boarded No. 1, for Valentine Monday evening.

G. A. Waggoner departed Sunday night for the eastern part of the state.

Guy Kennedy has been visiting friends and relatives here for several days.

All the boys play marbles these days; said to be a sure sign that spring is near.

Several of our young people took in the dance at Johnstown Friday night.

Miss Leola West, who has been quite ill, is reported to be improving quite rapidly.

Sunday evening Presiding Elder Kearns preached to an appreciative audience.

O. W. McDaniel, Otto Schleuter, Austin Maul and several other ranchers were in town Monday.

There are still demands for hay, several cars having been shipped out the past week.

Eli Chat.

Mrs. Ricketts and son Walter were in Eli Saturday.

Harry Springer attended the "big doin's" at Pleasant View school house. He reports a fine time.

Miss Esther Ricketts went to Merriman Monday. She will work for Mrs. George Rose who has the central office.

Quite a crowd of young folks from Merriman took in the box social at the Pleasant View school house Friday night.

Miss Pearl Folsom, who has been teaching the Bixler children, is going to give up the work on account of poor health. Mabel Ricketts will take her place.

The entertainment at the Pleasant View school house Friday night was a grand success. Many people remarked that the program was the best they had ever known rendered by country pupils. The "coon concert" by three small girls and three small boys created a great deal of merriment. Also "The Trip to California" was great. The main performers were Ada Nelson and Walter Ricketts, and they exhibited a great deal of natural talent. The children all did remarkably well and much praise is due Miss Walker, who trained them.

When the program was over 36 baskets of all sizes were brought forth, fairly groaning under their weight of good things to eat, and were sold, the net proceeds being \$87.00. The baskets averaged \$2.40 each. Part of the money will probably be used to purchase an organ for the school. "Show 'em again, Pleasant View."

PECKS BAD BOY.

All kinds of seeds at the Red Front.

Aug. Klopping and Alfred Morris, jr., were visitors in our city Sunday.

Sunday, a party of four came up from Ainsworth in an auto, doing it in one hour and forty minutes. They returned in the afternoon, taking the Sawyer car with them.

Friday morning, Charles Kinkead's house caught fire and but for the prompt action of neighbors would have been badly damaged or destroyed. Let's have the water bonds.

SCHOOL NOTES.

The slate was put up in the high school room Saturday.

Examination this week. All students should be on for the work.

Callie and Hugh Powell have been out of school for several days.

The blackboards in the primary room were given a thorough cleaning Tuesday evening.

Twelve weeks of school left, and we wish to make them the best twelve weeks of the term.

As the weather grows milder it is hoped there will be fewer absences and tardy marks.

The fifth grade have completed Overton's first book in physiology and have taken up Steele's.

Sparks Items.

L. N. Hudson is still on the sick list.

There was a dance Feb. 22nd, at Charley Meyers'.

Mr. Simons' baby has been quite sick but is better.

Will Geyer carried the mail several days last week.

The Highland school house has received a coat of paint and papered on the inside.

Dr. Hastings of Tripp county and Worth Holsclaw of the reservation were down recently and went on to Norden where they purchased some chickens.

Mr. Wiswall of Tripp county stopped over night in Sparks recently. He had been visiting in Oklahoma for three weeks and thought he had chosen the wrong time to come home.

"Dad, Here's to You."

We happened in a home the other night, and over the parlor door saw the legend worked in letters of red, "What is Home Without a Mother?" Across the room was another brief, "God Bless Our Home."

Now, what's the matter with "God Bless Our Dad?" He gets up early, lights the fire, boils an egg and wipes off the dew of the dawn with his boots, while many a mother is sleeping. He makes the weekly hand-out for the butcher, the grocer, the milkman and baker, and his pile is badly worn before he has been home an hour.

If there is a noise during the night dad is kicked in the back and make to go down stairs to find the burglar and kill him. Mother darns the socks, but dad bought the socks in the first place, and the needles and the yarn afterward. Mother does up the fruit; well, dad bought it all, and jars

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Dad buys the chickens for Sunday dinner, carves them himself and draws the neck from the ruins after everyone else is served.

"What is Home Without a Mother?" Yes, that is all right; but what is home without a father? Ten chances to one it's a boarding house, father is under a slab and the landlady is the widow. Dad, here's to you—yo've got your faults—you may have lots of 'em—but you're all right, and we'll miss you when you're gone. —Pensacola, Fla., Review.

SCHOOL NOTES

The attendance is still light in the fourth and fifth grades.

The fifth grade enjoy the little histories for supplementary readers.

The high school girls are practicing basketball during this beautiful spring weather.

The high school enjoyed a German story Wednesday morning in opening exercises by Prof. Bettenga.

Rush Clark, Barton Daily and Elsi Kletecka have been out of school a part of the week because of bad colds.

Great enthusiasm is being manifested over the penmanship lessons, and the writing is greatly improved.

Ten minutes has been added to each half-day session giving more time to do better and more thorough work.

Several children in the primary room have seen the robin and meadow-lark, which proves spring is on the way.

The children report having seen a number of birds this spring—robins, bluejays, redbirds, flickers and waxwings.

We are sorry to report Eugene Taylor was unfortunate in spraining his ankle, compelling him to be out of school temporarily.

Alliance has requested a debate with Valentine in the near future, but owing to prevailing circumstances the debate will not be held.

The German class begins the study of Immensee next Monday. A portion of the recitation period is given once a week to conversation and writing in German.

The ninth grade girls met with Vera Wilson Friday evening at the home of Mrs. Hornby, where they thoroughly enjoyed preparing and eating a little luncheon.

The agriculture class will soon put their agricultural knowledge into practical use. A hot bed is being made and later each member will be allotted a small

plot of ground which he must plant and care for.

The class in Mediaeval history is deep in the study of the Renaissance. A great deal of outside reading on the period is done and reports and special phases of the movement are given.

The junior class in English has begun the study of MacBeth. Dr. Sherman's questions on the tragedy will be used. The class is greatly interested in the play and excellent work is being done.

A basketball team is being organized in the grammar room. The members are Ruth Lamoreaux, Mina Keister, Martha Haley, Addie Harvey, Ethel Galloway, Jennie Graham, with Cletus Haley for referee.

The class in physics took an examination last Friday, which was considered not very light. The subject of heat is now being studied and since it has been discussed in class warmer weather has been the result.

Those in the first grammar room receiving perfect attendance certificates for last month were Kathleen Yeast, Dwyer Hoxey, Milton Nicholson, Cherrie Leneagh, Russell Yeast, Donald McLean, Leone Anderson and Raymond Reagle.

The debate between O'Neill and Valentine has been postponed from March 5, to a later date when the fever shall have abated. Our debaters have the affirmative.

Those who expect to to defeat O'Neill are Hazel Graham, Marie Christensen and Raymond Jones; Mary Jacobs, alternate. The first debate will be held here and the second at Atkinson, probably April 19. Those who are to deny the proposition there are Helen Sparks, Edward Cohota and Lawrence Rice; Kate Helzer, alternate. The debate between O'Neill and Atkinson was held last Friday evening at O'Neill, O'Neill winning by 82 points.

The spring class will begin this year's work. All pupils wishing to enter this class must enroll not later than March 21. Unless your child can come regularly when started, it is of little use to start him until he can. The habit of punctuality is formed the first few months the child goes to school and if allowed to come a few days now and then it not only makes him discontented but breaks up the regular working order of his class. When you decide you are ready to have your child enter school also decide that he is to be there every day unless sickness prevents. Some parents assume the responsibility too lightly of sending their children to school. True, the teachers

have much to do toward advancement of the pupils but still in the child towards their school work has much to do with the child's progress.

Notice to Creditors.

In the County Court within and for Cherry County, Nebraska, in the matter of the estate of Carl Beckman deceased.

To the creditors of said estate: You are hereby notified, That I will sit at the County Court Room in Valentine in said county on the 30th day of March, 1910 at 10 o'clock a. m. to receive and examine all claims against said estate, with a view to their adjustment and allowance. The time limited for the presentation of claims against said estate is six months from the 30th day of September, 1909, and the time limited for payment of debts is one year from said 30th day of September, 1909.

Witness my hand and seal of said county court this 2nd day of March, 1910.

JAMES C. QUIGLEY, County Judge.

Notice to Creditors.

THE STATE OF NEBRASKA, ss. In the County of CHERRY COUNTY.

In the matter of the estate of Margaret Connolly, deceased:

To the Creditors of said Estate: You are hereby notified, That I will sit at the County Court Room in Valentine in said county on the 30th day of March, 1910, at 10 o'clock a. m. to receive and examine all claims against said estate with a view to their adjustment and allowance. The time limited for the presentation of claims against said estate is six months from the 30th day of September, 1909.

Witness my hand and seal of said county court this 2nd day of March, A. D. 1910.

JAMES C. QUIGLEY, County Judge.

Probate Notice.

In the county court of Cherry county, Nebraska.

In the matter of the estate of Jane Bradley, deceased:

All persons interested in said estate will take notice, That I have fixed Saturday, March 5, 1910, at 10 o'clock a. m. as the time, and my office at Valentine, Cherry county, Nebraska, as the place for the hearing of the petition of Christopher C. Thompson for said probate of the estate of Jane Bradley, deceased, without administration, at which time and place all persons interested in said estate may appear and show cause, if any, why said estate should not be probated without administration and a decree of heirship and probate of said estate should not be made as provided by law.

JAMES C. QUIGLEY, County Judge.

Notice of Sale on Mechanic's Lien.

Notice is hereby given that by virtue of an order of sale, issued by F. A. Lamborn, clerk of the district court of Cherry county, Nebraska, on a decree rendered in said court in the case of David A. Hancock, plaintiff, vs. Little Beyer, defendant, in favor of said plaintiff for the foreclosure of a mechanic's lien, and to me directed, I will at one o'clock p. m., on the 30th day of March, A. D. 1910, at the point where the house hereafter described is situated on the land described, offer for sale at public auction the following described personal property to-wit: One certain dwelling house situated upon the northwestern quarter of section 3, in township 22, range 25, west of the 6th p. m., in Cherry county, Nebraska, previously foreclosed upon in said section and named in said decree and order of sale and taken thereon.

C. A. ROSSITER, Sheriff.

U. S. Land Office, Broken Bow, Nebraska, January 27, 1910.

A sufficient contest affidavit having been filed in this office by John Delinger, contestant, against homestead entry No. 01251, made Jan. 15, 1909, for all of section 3 Township 26N, Range 34W, 6th P. M., by John D. Black, claimant, which it is alleged that John D. Black has wholly failed to reside upon, cultivate and improve said land as required by law, that he has never established a residence on said tract, that said tract is in its wild and native state and wholly uncultivated, and the claimant maintains a home elsewhere than on said land, and of which defects exist at the date and have not been cured.

Said parties are hereby notified to appear at and offer evidence touching said sale at 10 o'clock a. m. on March 8, 1910, before County Judge of Hooker County, Mullen, Neb., and that the final hearing will be held at 10 o'clock a. m. on March 11, 1910, before the register and receiver at the United States Land Office in Broken Bow, Nebraska.

The said contestant having in a proper affidavit filed Jan. 19, 1910 set forth facts which show that after due diligence personal service of this notice cannot be made, it is hereby ordered and directed that such notice be given by due and proper publication.

J. H. REESE, Register.

Contest Notice.

U. S. Land Office, Valentine, Nebraska, February 23, 1910.

A sufficient contest affidavit having been filed in this office by Joseph E. Frey, contestant, against homestead entry No. 01271, made January 18, 1909, for the S½ of section 3, and the N½ of section 10, township 22, range 33 by Earl K. Bartwell, contestee, in which it is alleged that said Earl K. Bartwell has wholly abandoned said land; that he has changed his residence therefrom for more than six months last past; that said land is not cultivated up to and cultivated by said party as by law required, and he has failed to cure his laches up to this date.

Said parties are hereby notified to appear, respond, and offer evidence touching said allegation at 10 o'clock a. m. on April 5, 1910, before the register and receiver at the United States Land Office in Valentine, Nebraska.

The said contestant having in a proper affidavit, filed February 23, 1910, set forth facts which show that after due diligence personal service of this notice cannot be made, it is hereby ordered and directed that such notice be given by due and proper publication.

E. OLSON, Receiver.

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Range on Gordon Creek north of Simon.

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Cattle branded S O S on left side

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Some cattle also have a + on neck

Some with A on left shoulder and some branded with two bars across hind quarters

Some Texas cattle branded S O on left side and some on left side

Horses branded S O S on left hip. Some cattle branded A W bar connected on both sides and left hip of horses

N. S. Rowley.

Kennedy, Nebraska.

Same as cut on left side and hip, and on left shoulder of horses. Also on left side and hip

* X on left side

Some cattle branded with a cross (either side up) on left side or hip. F on left jaw and left shoulder of horses.

W on left hip of horses.

C. P. Jordan.

Rosebud, S. D.

Horses and cattle same as cut; also C J B E J J on right hip.

Cattle branded on Oak and Butte creeks.

A liberal reward to any informant leading to detection of rustlers of stock bearing any of these brands.

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Brownlee, Neb.

Cattle branded as in cut on left side and hip. Some cattle branded K T Y on left hip. Range on North Loup river, two miles west of Brownlee

J. A. Yaryan.

Pullman, Neb.

Cattle branded J Y on right side

Horses branded J Y on right side

Reasonable reward for any information leading to the recovery of cattle strayed from any range.

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Cattle branded as in cut, left side

Some on left side

Horses same on left shoulder.

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J K P

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